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SUBJECT: PALME ASKS NATION TO PULL TOGETHER TO OVERCOME ENERGY SQUEEZE

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1. PRIME MINISTER PALME TOOK THE UNUSUAL STEP DECEMBER 19 OF MAKING RADIO-TV ADDRESS DIRECT TO THE NATION ON SWEDEN'S ENERGY SQUEEZE. THRUST OF A DELIBERATELY COOLY-WORDED 10-MINUTE SPEECH WAS CHARACTERI-

ZATION OF SHORTAGE SITUATION AS SERIOUS BUT NOT CATASTROPHIC AND ASSURANCE THAT GOVERNMENT HAS SITUATION IN HAND. PALME ASKED ALL SWEDES TO PULL TOGETHER IN MEETING THE ENERGY CRISIS.

2. PRIME MINISTER OUTLINED OIL SUPPLY SITUATION ALONG LINES SET FORTH IN REFTTEL. HE CONCLUDED THAT THERE WAS NO REASON TO FEAR AN ECONOMIC "CATASTROPHE" BUT IT WAS CLEAR THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE REDUCTION IN CONSUMPTION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS THIS WINTER. HE SAID GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO INSURE EQUAL SHARING OF THE BURDEN AND APPEALED FOR PUBLIC COOPERATION TO THAT END.

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3. COMMENT: THIS WAS FIRST TIME SINCE APRIL 1940 - WHEN PER ALBIN HANSSON ADDRESSED THE NATION DURING NAZI INVASION OF NORWAY AND DENMARK - THAT A SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER HAS MADE A NATIONAL EMERGENCY SPEECH DIRECTLY TO THE NATION. CONSENSUS OF PRESS TODAY WAS THAT DRAMATIC BUILDUP WAS NOT JUSTIFIED BY A SPEECH DEVOID OF NEW INFORMATION, NEW POLICY PRONOUNCEMENT OR EVEN INTERESTING RHETORIC. OPPOSITION PRESS WAS DISAPPOINTED PALME DID NOT RAISE POSSIBILITY OF A BROAD COALITION GOVERNMENT BEING FORMED. PALME OBVIOUSLY HAS NO INTENTION OF LETTING BOURGEOIS CAMEL GET NOSE UNDER TENT UNLESS TRUE EMERGENCY SITUATION DEVELOPS.
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